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## **R277. Education, Administration.**

### **R277-511. Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) Level 1 License.**

#### **R277-511-1. Authority and Purpose.**

- (1) This rule is authorized by:
  - (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;
  - (b) Section 53A-6-104, which allows the board by rule, to rank, endorse, or otherwise to:
    - (i) classify licenses; and
    - (ii) establish the criteria for an educator to obtain or retain a license; and
  - (c) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures:
  - (a) for an applicant to obtain an Academic Pathway to Teaching (APT) level 1 license; and
  - (b) for an APT level 1 license holder to obtain a level 2 license.

#### **R277-511-2. Definitions.**

- (1)(a) "APT level 1 license" means a license obtained through the academic path to teaching process as described in this rule.
- (b) "APT level 1 license" includes:
  - (i) an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration; and
  - (ii) an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement.
- (2) "LEA administrator" means a school building principal or LEA administrator who:
  - (i) supervises an APT level 1 licensee; and
  - (ii) may recommend the APT level 1 licensee for Level 2 licensure to the Superintendent as described in Section R277-511-[6]7.
- ~~[(3) "Master teacher" means a level 2 or level 3 licensed teacher designated as a master teacher by an LEA through the demonstration of consistent leadership, focused collaboration, distinguished teaching, and continued professional growth.]~~
- (3) "Teacher leader" means a teacher designated as a teacher leader as described in R277-513.

#### **R277-511-3. Superintendent Responsibilities.**

- (1) The Superintendent shall create an application for an APT level 1 license and publish the application on the Board's website.
- (2) The Superintendent shall approve an application for an APT level 1 license if the applicant meets all of the requirements of Section R277-511-4 or Section R277-511-5.

#### **R277-511-4. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration.**

- (1) To qualify for an APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration, an

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applicant shall:

- (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);
- (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;
- (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;
- (d) receive a passing score on the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Praxis

Assessment;

- (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;
- (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and
- (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.

(2) An APT level 1 license with an Elementary (K-6) Concentration is:

- (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as to length and professional development expectations; and
- (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.

**R277-511-5. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement.**

(1) To qualify for an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement, an applicant shall:

- (a) complete the application described in Subsection R277-511-3(1);
- (b) have completed a bachelor's degree or higher;
- (c) submit postsecondary transcripts to the Superintendent;
- (d) receive a passing score on one of the following that is related to the subject, field, or area to which they are seeking an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement:

(i) a Praxis II Subject Assessment; or

- (ii) another Board-approved content knowledge assessment;

- (e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;
- (f) successfully pass a background check as described in R277-516; and
- (g) pay the applicable licensing fee.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement is:

- (a) equivalent to the Level 1 license as described in R277-500 and R277-502 as to length and professional development expectations; and
- (b) subject to the same renewal procedures.

(3) An APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration and an Endorsement holder may only seek an additional endorsement after the APT Level 1 License with a Secondary (6-12) Concentration holder obtains a level 2 license.

**R277-511-6. Requirements for an LEA that Employs an APT Level 1 License Holder.**

If an LEA employs an APT level 1 license holder, the LEA shall:

(1) assign a[~~master~~] teacher leader to serve as a mentor to the APT level 1 license holder;[~~and~~]

(2) prepare the APT level 1 license holder to meet the Utah Effective Educator

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Standards described in R277-530-5[-];

(3) prepare a mentoring plan for each APT Level 1 license holder; and  
(4) provide an APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan to the Superintendent upon request.

**R277-511-7. Requirements for an APT Level 1 License Holder to Gain a Level 2 License.**

- (1) To receive a Level 2 license, an APT level 1 license holder shall:
- (a)(i) complete three years of teaching full-time in one LEA under supervision of the[~~master~~] teacher leader mentor and LEA administrator; or
  - (ii) complete four years of at least 0.4 FTE teaching in one LEA under the supervision of a[~~master~~] teacher leader mentor and the LEA administrator;
  - (b) satisfy all Entry Years Enhancement for Quality Teaching requirements designated in R277-522;
  - (c) complete the requirements of the APT Level 1 license holder's mentoring plan;
  - (~~e~~)d) complete any additional requirements of the recommending LEA, including coursework and professional learning that the recommending LEA requires;
  - (~~d~~)e) complete the educator ethics review on the Board's website;
  - (~~e~~)f) renew the educator's background check as required in R277-516; and
  - (~~f~~)g) obtain a recommendation from[~~:~~
  - (i) ~~the master teacher mentor; and~~
  - (ii)] the LEA administrator; and
  - (~~g~~)h) pay applicable licensing fees.
- (2)(a) An APT level 1 license holder seeking a level 2 license may request a one year extension of the APT level 1 license at the recommendation of the[~~master teacher mentor and the~~] LEA Administrator up to a maximum of two one-year extensions.
- (b) Unless required by the recommending LEA, the years of teaching in Subsection (1)(a) do not need to be consecutive.

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